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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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June 11, 2003

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

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1. (amended) A method for recording still picture group management information for managing one or more still pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, said method comprising a step of:

recording still picture management information in said still picture group management information in the same order of recording corresponding still pictures, wherein said still picture management information is classified into types of still picture management information including